

COUNTY CAMPAIGN NOW IN FULL SWING

Large Gathering Hear Speakers at West Springs—Good Order and Good Will Prevailed—Candidates for Congress and Solicitor Also Speak.

The Union county democratic campaign opened at Monarch mills Saturday met at Jonesville Monday and West Springs Wednesday. The candidates for solicitor and for congress also spoke at West Springs Wednesday.

For Coroner.

S. Ezelle Gregory, candidate for coroner, was introduced by the chairman, G. T. Hyatt. Mr. Gregory promised if elected to render the best service of which he was capable. Would do his duty in all cases, and merit the honor placed upon him by the people of his county.

D. Lester Gault, candidate for coroner. Ask those who know me and I will abide by their judgment. I have been magistrate for ten years. There are no issues in this campaign. I will make you a good coroner if you see fit to elect me.

W. D. Harris was next introduced. Candidate for coroner. Have no speech to make. You all know me and if you people see fit to elect old "Dollar Bill" Harris, you will find that I will make you a faithful coroner.

E. D. Humphries, candidate for coroner. Do not feel I am a stranger to you. I have lived in your county seat for 20 years. I feel that I have lived a law-abiding citizen and have tried to do my duty. If you do not know me, ask my friends about me. I will abide their judgment. This office is in your hands. Will appreciate your suffrage when you come to vote.

O. K. Kirby, candidate for coroner. I was born eight miles above Jonesville. Went to work in mill at five years of age. At 12 years of age my father moved back to the farm. Will do the best I can, if you elect me. Mr. Godshall has made you a good coroner. He is my friend. I will make you a good coroner if you elect me. There are seven of us in the race; all good men. I worked in the mill all last night. I ask that you remember the "O. K." man, O. K. Kirby, on 29th of August.

W. C. Lake, candidate for coroner. Will greatly appreciate your support on the 29th of August.

J. B. Estes, candidate for coroner. Glad to be here this morning, in West Springs, S. C. Was born in Cross Keys township. This is the first time I have ever run for office; feel that I am qualified to be your coroner. Have been a farmer for years. Now working in the cotton mill. Will do my duty if elected on August 29th.

Sheriff's Race.

J. Hay Fant, candidate for sheriff, first introduced. I am back asking for another term. Could bring a record, but I have tried to do my duty. If elected, three things I promise: I will be sober, honest and ready to go when called on. I promised this before and promise it again. It is for the people to say whether I have made good. Thank you for your attention.

Norris Leonard next introduced. I come asking the good people of my native county to give me a chance in life. I am talking to the people of the various walks in life. I was born in Jonesville. It is the height of my ambition to lift myself. I challenge any and all to say that I ever drank any liquor. I will also be faithful and will go and handle the situation when get there. It is your duty to give this office to the one that deserves it. I will live in the jail. I will keep the rural police in the county. You have to phone to the sheriff's office when you need protection. I am a poor man. I ask the poor man to be my friend. There are numerous things that I might say. But you know my father was a follower of Lee and Jackson. But I ask not your vote because of my father's record as soldier, red shirt democrat and all else; but I ask for the office because I want a chance to make good. I place myself in your hands. Norris Leonard will not be a bit surprised if Norris Leonard should be elected on the first ballot. I can tell from your faces that Norris Leonard will be your next sheriff.

Jno. W. Sanders, candidate for sheriff, next introduced. I want to pay my respects to the good ladies and the good people of West Springs. I lived in your community. I am here to announce myself for election to the sheriff's office again. My record for the eight years as sheriff was one of which I am not ashamed. I am a farmer. I expect if I had Mr. Fant and Mr. Leonard out in the field I believe I could lay them in the shade.

If I am elected I will not give any of the jobs as deputies to members of my family. You know all our records. Mr. Leonard will find it a harder job than he thinks to take up the job of sheriff. If a great many of my friends had not urged me to run I would not be here today. I am the oldest man in the race, but I am fully able to fill the office. On the 29th of August I hope you will put me in. If you do not I will go back to my farm, and will treat everybody right. I will have this right arm pulled out by the roots before I would disgrace my family by not doing my duty. Come to see me in the jail, for if elected I will live there.

Candidates for Clerk of Court.

Godshall, candidate for clerk of court. I come the second time asking for a public office. You elected me coroner. I come now asking for election to the office of clerk of court. I am as competent as any of my opponents to fill the office. It does not require any great training, but it requires common sense. There are four candidates. There is but one difference between us—each of us wants the job. Mr. Williams is your master. He makes a good one. Let him stay there. Mr. Peake has had the office a long time. Mr. Long is a good man. But I want you to remember me on the 29th of August. I will do my duty.

Jas. G. Long, Jr., candidate for clerk of court, next introduced. I am asking your suffrage to the most important office in the great scheme of our government. You should inquire whether a man is honest and will do his duty. If the office is badly kept and should be destroyed it would cost you more than the loss of any and every office. I was brought up in the court house for my father was for years sheriff. My record is before you. I have made good. I had charge of the affairs of the county dispensary. And today the Union county dispensary is the only one in the State that has not a breath of scandal was found against it. If elected I will promptly record all papers. I will take papers one day and record them at once. Of my opponents I can say: Mr. Peake has made as good a clerk as you have ever had. But he has had the office long enough. And when you have a man who is as good a master as my friend Williams is, keep him in that office. Godshall has made a good coroner. He should have sought it again. We live in a democracy. I am satisfied that if you give me the place I think you will say at the end of my four years, "Jim Long, you have made as good a clerk as Union county ever had."

R. C. Williams was next introduced, the last speaker for clerk of court. I saw the light just three and a half miles from where I stand. I am making no kick against the man who has held the office for 16 years. Five years ago I asked for election to the office of master. I was your choice. I have made good in that office. I have never been reversed by a case that I have tried as master. The clerk's office is merely a recording office. He should know how to conduct the court. My experience as master has fitted me for the work in the clerk's office. If elected on 29th of August I promise to fill the office well and to treat you courteously. On the 29th of August I hope to receive a hearty support from my people.

I. Frank Peake was next introduced. I am a candidate for clerk of court. I appreciate your past suffrage. I do not hope to get all the votes of West Springs. Mr. Williams will get some; he is a native of this community, as am I. The other candidates will get some. I give all men an equal and just treatment. Vote for the man of your choice. I hope I will be that choice; but, if not, I will step down and out and feel no ill will to any man.

At this point there was an intermission of one hour for dinner. At 1:30 o'clock sharp, Chairman Hyatt called the meeting to order and the speaking was resumed.

For Superintendent of Education.

Thos. H. Gore was the first speaker. He said: I am at a disadvantage. There is too much stirring over there. A friend told me that I was the best stump speaker Union ever had. If so, that's all I have ever had except a wife and a number of children. I have a good record. I have done more for the schools than

any other man. There is such a thing as slander. On the morning of the election it was 'phoned over the county that I was \$2,000 short in my accounts. People were surprised that I was defeated. Slander did it. I believe in more money and more school houses and less concentration. If elected, as I will be, I'll apply to the government for tents rather than have any little child to go three miles through the mud. I believe in college education, but I don't believe in educating a few and the many not having a chance to go on account of the mud. I believe trustees should come before the people and be elected. It's taxation without representation to do otherwise. Tear down the one-room school houses and you pull down the very foundations. I'm fighting the fight of my life. Hope is a good teacher. We must send him back to teach. I could not have passed "Peter's Cap" when I started life. It is your business to vote for whom you please. A slanderer is a "giastitute." You will not let a citizen of fine character go down under slander. I am a native of Union. I'm sorry that my friend Hope was not born in this county. I've got a "rubber" in my heel. I'm making this defense for the sake of my wife and children. I wish the babies would squall. It makes the best music I ever heard. The children are the mud sill of all civilization. I belong to the stock that never proved a traitor to any trust. I've got two minutes. I'm a speaker. That's everything I ever did have except a wife and seven children. My good friend will tell you he collected five thousand dollars. That's good. But I collected two millions. Cedar Springs got my attention. That's the best school in the world. I love my brother man. If I love not my brother I am not worthy. Twenty-seven or eight hundred votes will do for me on August 29.

Jas. H. Hope next introduced. Seeks reelection to office of superintendent of education. "If we were to listen to the argument of my opponent we would go superfluous tonight. I was born 12 miles from the Union county line. I taught school at Buffalo for nine years. I taught school in the city school of Union for three years. What little money I've made in Union county I've invested in Union county dirt. Let our records decide. It was not slander that defeated my friend. The trouble was in forgetting to charge off his books the special taxes which error was in bookkeeping. He failed to account for this on the books. He handled no money. He did not steal. I don't believe he would if he had the chance. In one year we have 17 school houses to my credit. There is not a county in the State that can beat my record. Every school house has been built and paid for. When I came in, the term was short and uncertain; and there was a deficit unpaid claims. The school terms were lengthened. There was \$5,000 lying in the bank, drawing no interest. I got it turned over to the savings department. Why did not my friend do this? It was just a bit of headwork. Will be glad to show you my books. Last year I bought hundreds of feet of blackboard, and have contracted for 800 feet more. I taught school for 19 years, and I know something about schools. If we had the one-room school all over the county in the name of common sense how would the 90% of our boys and girls get any show? I stand on my record. I would rather be defeated 5 to 1 than win by unfair means. I claim to be a clean man.

Candidates for House of Representatives.

J. W. Cunningham was first introduced. He got no big tales to tell. Am too close home. I'm a farmer. I try to run a progressive farm. I believe in good roads, good schools, low taxes, as low as can be. But I can't promise good roads and good schools and at the same time reduce taxes. We must pay for what we get. I think often our funds have been wasted. If I am sent as your representative, a working man, promise to represent the working man. You all know me. I never before offered for election; now that I have stated, I would like to be elected. I want South Carolina to have woman suffrage, but do not believe it should be a national question.

Col. T. C. Duncan was next candidate for the house of representatives. I little thought when as a boy I rode behind my grandfather on horseback here that I would ever stand here seeking to represent you. I knew the old citizens and now know them, but I try to meet the younger men. I am in favor of promoting the welfare of everything that builds up an increased navy, army and education. I could not be opposed to education if I wanted to be. My grandfather was

one of the founders, practically, of Wofford college. I want to go to Columbia with my hands absolutely loosed. I want you to send me there so as to meet the issues that arise. I will do what I consider is for the best interest of Union county. I have had the privilege and opportunity to help build up mightily the material interests of this, my native county. Also the town of Union. Efforts were made to build a warehouse in Union county. They failed. Union now has one—Duncan built it. Efforts have been made to throttle this institution. To show that I am alive, I saw a few days ago an account of the federal aid to the flood sufferers. I telegraphed our congressman, told him to get busy. He wired that the war department would that very day send an inspector to see what our needs were. There have been statements from Buffalo: Duncan owns the land around Buffalo, but would not let the people pick blackberries, nor would he let the people of Buffalo have a graveyard. This charge is as foolish and false as the first. I did grant a burying ground when I was in authority at Buffalo, and it was without charge. The new management must buy of me if they want one. The rumblings from Buffalo are caused for the reason that the people of Buffalo have been lied to. I know the ear marks of the report. I am not hearing a job. I feel that if your interests are put in my hands I must be faithful to the trust.

John K. Hamblin, candidate for the house. If I'm elected I cannot promise to put through any law or set of laws. What are we to get for our taxes? Schools, police protection. The management of the tax fund is the important question. It is not a question of where a man was born or what his occupation, but the great test is: Our representatives must be able to cope with the situation. I have practiced law in Union 14 years. There are some things that should be modified. No good roads bonds issue will be put through by me; the people have already spoken on this. There will be no peddlers' bill, if I am to have what I shall stand for. The game law is too strict, and should be modified. I believe a remedy should be found for the endless appeal left a man in our courts. The court should be required to give a certificate showing that merit was in the appeal; that an injustice had been done. The boll weevil is rapidly approaching us. Misery and ruin comes with it. I believe some steps should be taken to meet this pest that is coming. I will support any movement that will help us to meet this monster. I believe in supporting, helping our old soldiers liberally. Also would help support our younger army. Yet, I saw another army, our army of school children. The rural schools should have the same help that our city schools have. The tax on fertilizer should be divided between Clemson and the rural schools. This would give equality of opportunity. I think a student should be helped, but not have all his course paid for. The child should be taught to help himself. Send me to your legislature and I will strive to make life for our boys and girls a long, sweet dream.

Col. R. W. Hamilton, candidate for the house, next spoke. I feel like 30 cents following Mr. Hamblin. He told you what he was in favor of. I'll tell you what I am in favor of. I am in favor of the rural credits system. I'll vote for this if I go. I want us to have free trade. I have not had any apples in I don't know how long. Some little old corner grocery man wanted to make money on apples, as the peddlers' bill was passed. You have lived under a good many of my laws. I stand for public schools first, last and all the time. Mr. Hamblin can continue more cases and keep them on the bar. As long as you keep that bunch filled up with lawyers, you will have a multiplication of the laws delay. What do the farmers want: Lower taxes and his children educated. I believe in a majority rule, for the county and the community. I think a child who has gone to school nine months should be allowed to work a little in the mill to get training. I am not strong on woman's suffrage. There are two sides to the question: You would have the colored women to contend with. This political harangue should be stopped. A few old women travel and speak for woman suffrage. I've been in the West. The women look like men. We are a distinct people, Southern people; why should we confuse the situation? Let our modest women be approved. I want to make a connection. It has been told on me that I get drunk. This is not so; it is a campaign lie. I never went into the home under the influence of liquor. I take a drink when I want it. I have no patience with the man who cannot take a drink and let it alone. I expect to take a drink when I please. I pledge you my word that I will give you a sober representation. If I had my way I would give the people light drinks, beer and the like. I know one preacher who takes 20 coca-colas a day, when a little whiskey would be far better.

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LANCASTER'S BODY FOUND SATURDAY

Was in Abandoned Shaft of Gold Mine—Young Man Lost More Than Two Weeks—Burial at Sulphur Springs Saturday Afternoon.

The body of Pettus Lancaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lancaster, of near West Springs, was found in an abandoned shaft of a gold mine early Saturday morning. The young man disappeared the evening of the storm which swept over the county more than two weeks ago, and despite the concerted and persistent efforts of the entire neighborhood, no trace of him could be found except that his hat was found soon after the search was begun. Many came to suspect foul play, but the body, when found, did not bear out this belief. His money, watch and other articles were found to be just as when he disappeared. The supposition is that he left Glenn Springs late that afternoon, got within a mile of the heavy downpour of rain and of his parents' home, was overtaken by the heavy wind storm and, becoming confused, lost his way. He must have taken the very opposite way home, for it was some distance off the road, and in a thick wooded place that he met the tragic end. The pit into which he fell was about thirty-five feet deep, had about ten feet of water in it, and was almost a solid rock basin. This shaft was examined by the searching party, but was not pumped dry as were several others. It is supposed that the hooks failed to touch the body and that the darkness prevented the finding of the body at that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster have a wide circle of friends who deeply sympathize with them in the bereavement that has overtaken them. They expressed deep appreciation for the assistance rendered them by the people of the community, and said: "No one can know how grateful we are for the unceasing kindness of our friends."

The body of the young man was laid to rest in Sulphur Springs church graveyard late Saturday afternoon, the burial being conducted by Rev. Lewis M. Rice.

DEATH OF L. N. TATE.

Mr. L. N. Tate died in Rome, Ga., Aug. 7, and the body was brought to Union for burial in Rosemont cemetery Tuesday.

Mr. Tate left Union several years ago, and has lived in Columbus, Ga., and Rome, Ga., ever since.

He leaves a widow, who was Miss Edna Davis, a sister of Mr. W. Lester Davis, and four children.

He had been in ill health for some time before his death.

The burial was conducted by Rev. Lewis M. Rice, after which the Masonic fraternity took charge of the services.

TO AID FLOOD SUFFERERS.

Mr. S. C. Groeschel and Mr. O. H. Bissell, inspectors of the State Department of Agriculture, were sent to Union this week by Commissioner Watson for the purpose of making inquiries as to cases of need caused by the damages from the recent flood. They have requested that any case of real suffering caused by the damages from the flood be reported to Supervisor J. T. Jeter, who will investigate and report to Commissioner Watson. If there are any cases reported by Dr. Jeter there will be turned over to the federal authorities and a representative of the government will come and investigate, and all that the proper distribution of the relief fund is made. If there is any case of real need, caused by the floods, report to Dr. Jeter, that is the first step and the other necessary steps will be taken.

BOY SCOUTS ON HIKE.

The Boy Scouts went on a hike this week about eight miles from Union and camped for three days. The camp was pitched near Broad river, and fishing, swimming and rowing was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Scout master was unavoidably detained at home, so the boys were led by Mr. McMaster of Winnsboro. They expect to return to the city Thursday evening.

There will be preaching Sunday morning and evening, 11 o'clock and 8:30, at Grace church. The pastor, Rev. E. S. Jones will fill his appointments.

Mrs. Robert S. Foster, who has been ill for several days, is slowly improving. Her friends wish for her a complete recovery.

First Regiment Left Monday and Second Followed Wednesday. Quartermaster's Department and 37 Men With Dependent Families All Who Now Remain at Styx Camp.

The First Infantry regiment, South Carolina National Guard, entrained Monday morning for the border, commencing its three-day and four-night trip to El Paso, Texas. The movement was made in three sections over the tracks of the Southern railway.

The first section, composed of the Third battalion (Company I, Cheraw, Capt. William Lockwood Gillespie; Company L, Hartsville, Capt. Robert E. Craig; Company K, Anderson, Capt. R. D. Henderson; Company M, Camden, Capt. Eben J. McLeod), and the machine gun company, Anderson, Capt. Ralph Ramey, under the command of Maj. E. C. von Tresckow, left Styx at 9:03 Monday morning, only three minutes behind the time estimated for its departure.

The second section, composed of the Second battalion (Company E, Union, Capt. J. Frost Walker, Jr.; Company F, Spartanburg, Capt. Birchette T. Justice; Company G, Fort Mill, Capt. Sam Wylie Parks; Company H, Rock Hill, Capt. Lindsay Crawford McFadden), the sanitary detachment and the supply company, Greenville, Capt. Maj. T. H. Spratt, departed at 10:45 a. m.

Second Left Wednesday.

"We are off to the border." This was the cry of the 972 men and 50 officers of the Second South Carolina infantry regiment, which entrained at Camp Moore Wednesday for movement to El Paso, Texas. The Charleston Light Dragoons, under command of Capt. Wyndham Manning; the Johnson Engineers, under command of Capt. J. R. Pennell, and the field hospital, under command of Major A. M. Brailsford, also moved. The Second regiment is commanded by Col. Holmes B. Springs, of Georgetown, the second colonelcy being vacant.

TAKE NOTICE. IF YOU ORDER BOOZE.

Many people do not understand some features of the present prohibition law. One thing is that two or more people are not allowed to "chip in" and order a gallon of liquor to be divided among themselves. Another thing is that it is unlawful to allow anyone to order whiskey in your name, or to order whiskey in another party's name. Some people do not understand this, but the law orders confiscation in each of the above cases.

Mayor Wharton requests that notice of the above conditions be given the public, so that all may govern themselves accordingly.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At a regular meeting of the Union Lodge, No. 1321, B. P. O. Elks, M. H. Evans and Capt. J. E. Hunter and Reuben Lindsay were duly installed as members of the order.

An election of officers was held to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Post Exalted Ruler, Chas. W. Goforth, and resulted in the unanimous election of J. G. Hughes Exalted Ruler.

J. A. McWhirter was chosen Esteemed Lecturing Knight to fill the vacancy of J. G. Hughes, who was elected Exalted Ruler.

Dr. F. E. Salley was chosen to fill the place of J. A. McWhirter, Leading Knight.

J. A. Goodwin was elected Esteemed Loyal Knight to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. S. Nicholson.

N. Shapiro was elected Ayler, filling the place made vacant by the promotion of E. A. Goodwin.

The lodge is in a flourishing condition, and has a large membership.

HIX-BARRON.

A wedding of cordial interest to Union and Rock Hill folk was celebrated Tuesday evening, August 8th, when Miss Kathleen Hix became the bride of Mr. Samuel E. Barron. The ceremony was witnessed by the immediate families and was read by Rev. E. S. Jones, pastor of Grace Methodist church.

Mrs. Barron is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hix and is a winsome young woman of grace and charm. She is very much beloved in Union by young and old alike.

Mr. Barron is one of Union's most promising young men, having located here several years ago for the practice of law.

Mr. and Mrs. Barron left on the evening train for a honeymoon sojourn.